

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY ON AGRICULTURAL EXPORTERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the subsidy being given to agricultural exporters;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the likely adverse effect on exporter's business;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to take alternative measures also in this regard;
- (e) the names of the agricultural produces on which the Government is providing subsidy alongwith the percentage of subsidy thereon;
- (f) the amount estimated to be saved by the Government each year by discontinuing the said subsidy;
- (g) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme for centralized procurement of agricultural produce from the States; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (f) Government does not give export subsidy on agriculture products. Reimbursement of expenses incurred on marketing including handling, upgrading, international transport and freight and internal transport and freight charges on agriculture product exports is allowed from time to time. The quantum of such payments on wheat and rice exported from the Central Pool Stocks was:

2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1368 crores	5743 crores	3621 crores

Transport assistance is provided by Agricultural and Processed Food Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA) on export of identified floriculture, horticulture, dairy and poultry products. It amounted to Rs. 4.65 crores in 2002-03, Rs. 10.77 crores in 2003-04 and Rs. 11.84 crores in 2004-2005.

(g) and (h) There is no proposal for a new scheme for centralized procurement of agricultural produce from States. Procurement of agriculture produce in the country is carried out under the existing Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)